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Nicaragua and Honduras in the Graft Business

DICTATOR MUST BE FIXED

American Declares Mining Men Must First Fix The Dictator Before Attempting To Export Their Crop—Trouble Lies In The Instability Of The Laws.

MOBILE, Ala., Aug. 28.—"If you want to do business pay me," is said to be the motto of the Nicaraguan and Honduran governments under the regime of Jose Santos Zelaya, the president. This is the report brought here by W. L. Sharkey of Bluefields, Nicaragua, who for more than three months was in business in that republic.

He says a policy of extortion was practiced against the people who engaged in the mining business. If they wanted to succeed and export their ores without trouble they found it always advantageous to make a "divvy" with the "intendente" or personal representative of the dictator.

"Often," said Mr. Sharkey, "it is imperative for the mining company or engineer to give the President some of the stock in the company or at least a liberal share of the returns from that output of the property. This alone will insure immunity from harassing interferences always met with until such arrangement has been made.

"The trouble lies in the instability of the mining laws. As I understand it, a duty of but 54 cents an ounce is charged upon the gold exported from the countries, but those who do not look after their own interests by greasing the officials are just as apt to have to pay \$5.40 an ounce, or be even assessed more. If the mining man is wise he will find it to his advantage to protect himself by getting the intendentes interested so that they will not impose upon the company when the time comes for shipments.

"Favoritism is the cause of a great deal of distress in the country. Zelaya is king and he rules things as he chooses. He gives out concessions for all sorts of industries and no one can embark in them unless he has a concession. One man has the right to sell tobacco in the Republic of Nicaragua, and he charges whatever he pleases for it. A piece of tobacco which sells here for 5 cents brings 25 cents or at the rate of \$125 a pound. Whisky, which is held under a similar monopoly, is worth in Nicaragua \$9 in United States currency a gallon. "Butter is worth \$1 a pound. Eggs sell for 75 cents a dozen, or \$1.50 in Nicaraguan money. Inferior meat, which is under a monopoly, is sold for 48 cents Nicaraguan, or 20 cents United States currency, a pound. All other foods are high in proportion, and the

poor people are almost starved.

"The country would be a fine place for Americans if it were not for the despotism which prevails. It is impossible to engage in any sort of enterprise in the republic or in Honduras without having first secured the ear of the powers that be. The government is ever fearful that some one will introduce arms or gun powder into the country and start a revolution. Zelaya is uneasy, with all his despotism; he is in constant fear that some one will try to overthrow his rule.

"This would not be hard to do if any body of determined men started in to do it. He has no army to speak of. The boys are barefooted and clothed in old blue jean jumpers and overalls, with a little red string tied to the coat lapel. They are armed with the discarded Springfield rifles formerly used by the American army."

Elihu Root And John Hay Compared.

"The Interpreter" tells about Japan and the possibility of war in the September American Magazine. Of Elihu Root and John Hay the following interesting comparison is drawn:

"It is fortunate at this time that Mr. Root is secretary of state. I think it is fortunate for us at all times that he is secretary of state, but now especially we need just this man of cool fearlessness. A good many men have written about the late John Hay as a great secretary of state, but it is no injustice to his memory to say that he did not have the material in him to make as efficient a public servant as Mr. Root. Besides, his usefulness as secretary of state was impaired by his long service in the diplomatic corps. The marks of the first secretary clung to him. The jargon of diplomacy, its forms and customs, seemed more than important to him at times than the essence of the question on hand. He did not really lack Americanism; he was a true American. But he had been much affected by his long residence in England. It was said of him once that he was not our secretary of state but the real British ambassador. No such taunt can be levelled at Mr. Root. He is the most American of Americans. He has come up as one of the leaders of a generation that has ceased to look sulkily to England for all our guide-posts literary, legal, spiritual and political. He knows the strength of this country as well as any man to use it if the need arose. But his habit of mind is against violence. He is secretary of state now, not secretary of war. He would be, I think, about the last person to advise the beginning or the ending of a war."

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THE SIN OF THE STREETS

Young Criminals In The Making And The Court Where They Are Tried.

A day spent in New York's Children's Court will never be forgotten. Here all the youthful offenders are tried. Into this court crowds more of human interest than in any other court in the world, says the September Delineator. Before its bar is constantly passing a great procession of human incongruities, scenes vibrant with pathos and humor. For both pathos and humor consist in the perception of incongruities. It is the sins of the parents and the sins of the living conditions that the overcrowded city forces on its children that here stand out most strikingly. The real culprit is more often the delinquent parent than the delinquent child. The sight of a child trotting to a saloon two or three times daily, pall in hand to procure the family supply of beer—a familiar one in a great city—impaches the parent for a criminal indifference. Small wonder that the child's moral perceptions are obliterated, and his instincts perverted in such surroundings! It is in the streets, the vice-sown streets, that the child learns to gamble, to swear, to steal. He cannot help it. He must employ the ways of his companions if he is to survive among them. And the ways of his companions lead oftenest to the Children's Court.

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